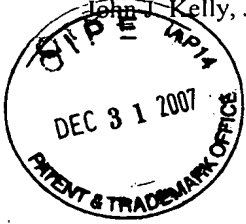


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**REPLY**

SIR:

This Request For Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed July 27, 2007 and the Advisory Action mailed November 23, 2007.

Please enter the unentered new claims of the Amendment Under Rule 116 filed October 30, 2007 (Certificate of Mailing dated October 25, 2007) and consider the new claims on the merits. The arguments for patentability of the new claims set forth in the Amendment Under Rule 116 filed October 30, 2007 are incorporated herein by reference.

A copy of the Amendment Under Rule 116 filed October 30, 2007 (Certificate of Mailing dated October 25, 2007) is attached hereto for the convenience of the Examiner.

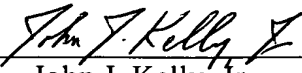
A petition for an extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed July 27, 2007 accompanies this Request For Continued Examination (RCE).

**CONCLUSION**

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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